



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Masanobu SUGAWARA et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

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Remarks begin on page 23.